

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 17 as anticipated under section 102 by Coughlin Jr. et al. The Examiner noted that claims 3, 5, and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are amended. Claims 2 and 3 are canceled.

Claim 1 is amended to include all the limitations of claims 2 and 3, according to the Examiner's suggestion. Therefore, claim 1 should be in condition for allowance.

Claims 4-8 and 17, as amended, are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 1. Therefore, claims 4-8 and 17 should be also in condition for allowance by the virtue of being dependent on an allowable base claim.

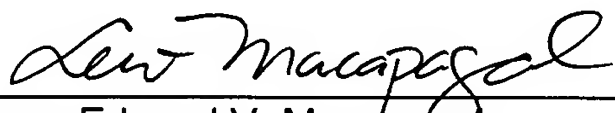
Per examiner's suggestion, portions of the specification, title and the drawings have been amended to overcome Examiner's objections with respect to form and context (e.g., grammatical or labeling errors). Other than stated above, no amendment is made for the purpose of narrowing the claims. As such, all amendments are tangentially related to the issue of patentability unless otherwise expressly stated herein.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los

Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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Amendments to the Drawings

Please amend FIGS. 1 and 2 of the drawings by substituting the replacement page provided herein.